

LIBERTY HIGH

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GRADES 9-12 High School

ENROLLMENT 600 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

2003

ABSOLUTE RATING:

GOOD

Absolute Ratings of High Schools with Students like Ours

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	Unsatisfactory
18	14	3	0	0

IMPROVEMENT RATING:

UNSATISFACTORY

ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS:

N/A

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE GOAL

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

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PERFORMANCE TRENDS OVER 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
2001	Good	Below Average	N/A
2002	Excellent	Excellent	N/A
2003	Good	Unsatisfactory	N/A
2004			

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			High Schools with Students Like Ours		
Percent	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
Passed all 3 subtests	80.8	74.8	68.6	73.9	70.7	71.0
Passed 2 subtests	10.0	16.8	19.0	14.9	16.3	16.7
Passed 1 subtest	6.2	5.6	10.2	7.3	8.4	7.6
Passed no subtests	3.1	2.8	2.2	3.8	4.6	4.3

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2003		Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships*		Graduation Rate	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
All Students	121	98.3	109	13.8	135	71.9
Gender						
Male	58	100.0	54	13.0	66	72.7
Female	63	96.8	55	14.5	69	71.0
Race or Ethnic Group						
African American	9	100.0	11	18.2	12	75.0
Hispanic	1	I/S	0	N/A	0	N/A
White	111	98.2	98	13.3	123	71.5
Other	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
Disability Status						
Non-speech disabilities	11	100.0	15	0.0	20	25.0
Students without disabilities	110	98.2	94	16.0	115	80.0
Migrant Status						
Migrant	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
Non-migrant	4	I/S	109	13.8	0	N/A
English Proficiency						
Limited English proficient	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
Non-LEP	121	98.3	109	13.8	135	71.9
Lunch Status						
Subsidized meals	23	95.7	28	10.7	29	55.2
Full-pay meals	98	99.0	81	14.8	106	76.4

n = number of students on which percentage is calculated

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS

Percent of	Our School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships at four-year institutions*	13.8	17.3
Seniors who met the SAT requirement	13.8	18.2
Seniors who met the grade point average	60.6	56.5

*Using only the SAT and grade point average requirements

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n= 600)				
Retention rate	5.3%	Down from 5.9%	6.4%	7.3%
Attendance rate	95.5%	Down from 95.7%	95.4%	95.5%
Eligible for gifted and talented	5.5%	Up from 2.2%	11.2%	5.1%
With disabilities other than speech	21.2%	Up from 20.5%	12.2%	12.2%
Older than usual for grade	11.3%	Up from 10.2%	8.3%	10.1%
Suspended or expelled	1.3%	Down from 2.0%	3.1%	2.3%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	11.7%	N/A	N/A	10.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual dropout rate	8.5%	Up from 7.8%	3.0%	2.7%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	No change	0.1%	3.2%
Enrollment in career/technology center courses	286	Up from 154	568	433
Students participating in worked-based experiences	88.8%	Down from 94.9%	30.8%	26.3%
Career/technology students mastering core competencies	79.6%	Down from 90.1%	75.4%	74.9%
Career/technology completers placed	N/A	N/A	100.0%	99.5%

Teachers (n= 46)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.9%	No change	55.8%	51.7%
Continuing contract teachers	95.7%	Up from 93.5%	84.3%	81.8%
Highly qualified teachers	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Teachers returning from previous year	91.9%	Up from 87.7%	86.7%	85.1%
Teacher attendance rate	97.9%	Up from 96.7%	96.2%	95.8%
Average teacher salary	\$40,899	Down 0.1%	\$40,889	\$40,303
Prof. development days/teacher	12.5 days	Up from 11.8 days	10.5 days	10.3 days

School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio	23.7 to 1	Down from 23.9 to 1	27.3 to 1	26.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.9%	Up from 91.7%	90.7%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,791	Up 2.5%	\$6,102	\$6,279
Percent spent on teacher salaries*	59.5%	Up from 55.8%	57.9%	57.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Parents attending conferences	61.7%	Down from 76.3%	85.2%	87.8%
SACS accreditation	yes	N/A	yes	yes

* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

	Our District	State
Highly qualified teachers in low poverty schools	N/A	N/A
Highly qualified teachers in high poverty schools	N/A	N/A

Abbreviations for Missing Data							
N/A	Not Applicable	N/C	Not Collected	N/R	Not Reported	I/S	Insufficient Sample

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Founded in 1897, Liberty High School is a 9-12 school serving a diverse population of 595 students. We provide a safe, clean, and caring environment that nurtures teamwork, respect, and learning. Through example and encouragement, we as a staff can cultivate each individual learner.

Liberty High offers tech prep, college prep, honors, and Advanced Placement courses. Our goal is to design our educational program to best meet the needs of our diverse school population.

Our accomplishments for the 2002-2003 school year are:

Continued accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Continued job shadowing experience for juniors
Completed 18 service learning projects in Civic Responsibility classes
Provided trainable, orthopedic and profound programs for students in the school district
Increased BSAP scores over 4 percent during the last 4 years
Established freshman academy to help reduce school drop-out rate
Represented in national science fair
Winner in the National Science and Technology Educator Partnership
Represented in the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities
Utilized excellent Resource Officer to serve as added security and role model for students
Utilized registered nurse for student illnesses and emergency situations.
Received "Award of Merit" for LHS web page from SC Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association

Liberty's accomplishments are further enhanced by the fact that 63 percent of our faculty members have Master's Degrees or higher education. Liberty High School faculty and staff remain dedicated to preparing all students to become adaptive and productive citizens through emphasis on academic excellence, career preparation, and lifelong learning.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS

	Teachers	Students	Parents
Number of surveys returned	49	88	75
Percent satisfied with learning environment	83.3%	67.8%	78.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.0%	77.3%	50.7%
Percent satisfied with home-school relations	67.3%	84.7%	78.9%

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Unsatisfactory - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal

DEFINITION OF ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS

As required by the United States Department of Education, adequate yearly progress specified that the statewide target is met for all students and for each subgroup of students: racial/ethnic, economic, disability, limited English proficiency and migrant status.